

MFC Selected Management Strategies

1. Improve methods to reduce sediment and nutrient pollution from construction sites, agriculture, and forestry.
2. Increase on-site infiltration of stormwater through voluntary or regulatory measures.
3. Provide more incentives for low-impact development.
4. Work with DWQ and EMC to modify stormwater rules to more effectively reduce runoff volume and pollutant loading to coastal waters to levels that protect and enhance fish habitats vital to bay scallops.
5. Reduce impervious surfaces associated with new development as much as possible and reduce the maximum amount of impervious surfaces allowed in the absence of engineered stormwater controls.
6. Aggressively reduce point source pollution from wastewater through improved inspections of wastewater treatment facilities, improved maintenance of collection infrastructure, and establishment of additional incentives to local governments for wastewater treatment plant upgrading.

10.1.2.3 ISSUE: EFFECTS OF TRAWLING ON BAY SCALLOP HABITAT (SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION) IN BOGUE SOUND

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- Recommend modifying, if needed, the trawl closure area in Bogue Sound to protect bay scallop habitat based on all available information.

10.1.2.4 ISSUE: MANAGEMENT OF DREDGES FOR HABITAT PROTECTION

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- Recommend *status quo*, no change.

10.1.2.5 ISSUE: RULE CHANGE TO CLARIFY WORDING TO PROTECT SCALLOP HABITAT FROM BULL RAKES AND HAND TONGS

There is some confusion in the rule 15A NCAC 3K .0304 (a) (1) over handrakes as described in 15A NCAC 3K .0102. Clarification of the rule with new language is added below. The intent of the rules is to protect seagrass beds from bull rakes.

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- Recommend rule change.

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15A NCAC 03K .0102 PROHIBITED RAKES

It is unlawful to use a rake more than 12 inches wide or weighing more than six pounds to ~~take oysters or scallops.~~ take: